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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
In re application of: Mihaela Van Der Schaar et al.	Examiner: Lee, Richard J.
Serial No.: 09/887,747	Group Art Unit: 2613
Filed: June 21, 2001	Docket No.: US 000168
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED EFFICIENCY IN TRANSMISSION OF FINE GRANULAR SCALABLE SELECTIVE ENHANCED IMAGES	Date: February 6, 2006

Attention: Office of Petitions
Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed benefit claim to U.S. Application No. 09/347,882 (the '882 application), filed July 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,263,022 B1, under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3). The present application was filed on June 21, 2001, which is before the July 17, 2001 patenting date of the '882 application, therefore, the present application was copending with the '882 application on the day it was filed. In addition, the present application and the '882 application include at least one common inventor, i.e., Mihaela van der Schaar.

1. A paper amending the specification to include the reference to the '882 application required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) is enclosed herewith.

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2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t), to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

3. A request for continued examination (RCE).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the benefit claim from the date the benefit claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) was unintentional.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,



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